

process for granting lawful permanent resident status to aliens from certain countries who meet specified eligibility requirements, and for other purposes.

S. 618

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 618, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and extend the deduction for charitable contributions for individuals not itemizing deductions.

S. 1116

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1116, a bill to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any of certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employees duty, and for other purposes.

S. 1405

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1405, a bill to authorize the imposition of sanctions with respect to significant actions that exacerbate climate change, to reinforce comprehensive efforts to limit global average temperature rise, and for other purposes.

S. 2550

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2550, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide students with disabilities and their families with access to critical information needed to select the right college and succeed once enrolled.

S. 2607

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) were added as cosponsors of S. 2607, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the former hostages of the Iran Hostage Crisis of 1979–1981, highlighting their resilience throughout the unprecedented ordeal that they lived through and the national unity it produced, marking 4 decades since their 444 days in captivity, and recognizing their sacrifice to the United States.

S. 2992

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2992, a bill to provide that certain discriminatory conduct by covered platforms shall be unlawful, and for other purposes.

S. 3360

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr.

LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3360, a bill to reauthorize title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 3522

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3522, a bill to provide enhanced authority for the President to enter into agreements with the Government of Ukraine to lend or lease defense articles to that Government to protect civilian populations in Ukraine from Russian military invasion, and for other purposes.

S. 3526

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3526, a bill to require the imposition of sanctions with respect to the People's Republic of China if the People's Liberation Army initiates a military invasion of Taiwan, and for other purposes.

S. 3546

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3546, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the amendments made to reporting of third party network transactions by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

S. 3726

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3726, a bill to address research on, and improve access to, supportive services for individuals with long COVID.

S. 3770

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3770, a bill to establish a point of order against legislation that would cause a net increase in outlays unless the Director of the Congressional Budget Office certifies that inflation is below 3 percent.

S. 3771

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) were added as cosponsors of S. 3771, a bill to prohibit United States persons from engaging in transactions with foreign persons that purchase or transact in gold from the Russian Federation.

S. 3778

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3778, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to make premium and cost-sharing subsidies available to low-income Medicare part D beneficiaries who reside in Puerto Rico or another territory of the United States.

S. 3802

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Michigan

(Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3802, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a windfall profits excise tax on crude oil and to rebate the tax collected back to individual taxpayers, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 546

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 546, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate condemning the Russian Federation, President Vladimir Putin, members of the Russian Security Council, the Russian Armed Forces, and Russian military commanders for committing atrocities, including alleged war crimes, against the people of Ukraine and others.

S. RES. 547

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 547, a resolution recognizing the 201st anniversary of Greek Independence and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 548—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE ON ENDING THE ACCESS OF RUSSIAN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO SPECIALIZED FINANCIAL MESSAGING SERVICES

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

S. RES. 548

Whereas providers of specialized financial messaging services are a critical link to the international financial system;

Whereas the European Union, Japan, Canada, and other partners of the United States are to be commended for strengthening the multilateral sanctions regime against the Russian Federation;

Whereas, while the expulsion of selected Russian financial institutions from specialized financial messaging services is a first step, that expulsion alone is not sufficient to address the scope and scale at which the Government of the Russian Federation is waging war against Ukraine; and

Whereas, once achieved, the complete loss of access by Russian financial institutions to specialized financial messaging services must be maintained: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) the Senate urges the President, in the strongest possible terms, to immediately take all measures necessary to remove all Russian financial institutions from access to specialized financial messaging services, including by working with allies and partners

of the United States to execute that removal multilaterally;

(2) it is the sense of the Senate that the Russian financial institutions covered by paragraph (1) include—

- (A) Sberbank;
- (B) VTB;
- (C) Gazprombank.
- (D) VEB.RF;
- (E) The Russian Direct Investment Fund;
- (F) Credit Bank of Moscow;
- (G) Alfa Bank;
- (H) Rosselkhozbank;
- (I) FC Bank Otkritie;
- (J) Promsvyazbank;
- (K) Sovcombank;
- (L) Transkapitalbank;
- (M) Tinkoff Bank; and
- (N) any financial institution that is owned or controlled by, or is a successor to, a financial institution specified in any of subparagraphs (A) through (M); and

(3) it is the sense of the Senate that any package of sanctions imposed with respect to the Russian Federation is strengthened by working in concert with allies and partners of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 549—SUPPORTING THE TRANSFER OF AIRCRAFT AND AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS TO THE ARMED FORCES OF UKRAINE

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Ms. ERNST, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. WICKER, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. LANKFORD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 549

Whereas the people of Ukraine have shown great resolve in combating the blind aggression of the Russian Federation following the further invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022;

Whereas the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation continue to assault the people of Ukraine through indiscriminate aerial attacks;

Whereas the United States Department of Defense has stated that the Russian Federation flies “on average 200 sorties per day” in their campaign against Ukraine;

Whereas Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has continued to request that members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and other countries around the globe support the transfer of military aircraft and air defense systems to the Armed Forces of Ukraine in order to protect the people of Ukraine;

Whereas the MiG-29 is the main fixed-wing aircraft in the inventory of the Ukrainian Air Force, and it is critical that the Ukrainian Air Force receive aircraft that mirror the capability and operating standard of the MiG-29;

Whereas additional MiG-29s are essential for the Ukrainian Air Force to remain capable of contesting aircraft of the Russian Federation;

Whereas, on March 5, 2022, it was reported that the Government of Poland would transfer MiG-29s to Ukraine in exchange for aircraft from the United States;

Whereas, on March 6, 2022, Secretary of State Antony Blinken stated that the transfer of Polish MiG-29s to Ukraine “gets a green light [and that] we’re talking with our Polish friends right now about what we might be able to do to backfill their needs. . .”;

Whereas, on March 8, 2022, the Government of Poland stated that Poland would “de-

ploy—immediately and free of charge—all of their MiG-29 jets. . . and place them at the disposal of the Government of the United States” and further stated that “other NATO Allies—owners of MiG-29 jets—[should] act in the same vein”;

Whereas, on March 9, 2022, the Pentagon stated that the United States does “not support the transfer of additional fighter aircraft to the Ukrainian Air Force at this time, and therefore have no desire to see them in our custody, either” and further stated that “the transfer of combat aircraft right now could be mistaken, by Mr. Putin and the Russians as an escalatory step”;

Whereas a failure to provide aircraft, such as MiG-29s, and air defense systems to the Armed Forces of Ukraine would embolden the Russian Federation and further endanger the people of Ukraine;

Whereas the Biden Administration should support the transfer of aircraft, such as MiG-29s, and air defense systems, including Stinger missiles and more advanced surface-to-air missile systems, to Ukraine; and

Whereas Congress urges the Biden Administration to meet the air defense needs requested by President Zelensky, including the transfer of aircraft, such as MiG-29s, and other air defense systems: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) encourages the President of the United States to support the transfer of aircraft, such as MiG-29s, and air defense systems to Ukraine;

(2) supports continued efforts by members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and other countries around the globe to identify additional aviation and air defense capabilities to transfer to the Armed Forces of Ukraine; and

(3) stands with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and the people of Ukraine in their struggle against Russian aggression.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, I have eight requests for committees to meet during today’s session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today’s session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is au-

thorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 4 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 2 p.m., to conduct a closed briefing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

The Subcommittee on Personnel of the Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 117-81, appoints the following individuals to serve as members of the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States: The Honorable Madelyn R. Creedon of Virginia and General (Ret.) John E. Hyten of Colorado.

The Chair, on behalf of the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 117-81, appoints the following individuals to serve as members of the National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology: The Honorable Dov S. Zakheim of Maryland and The Honorable ALEX PADILLA of California.

The Chair, pursuant to Public Law 117-81, on behalf of the Republican Leader, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the Commission on Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution Reform: Diem Salmon of Maryland.

The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended by Public Law 99-7, appoints the following Senators as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the 117th Congress: The Honorable TIM SCOTT of South Carolina, vice The Honorable MARCO RUBIO of Florida.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Thursday, March 17; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be